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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley – California Communities Debate Classifying ‘Antifa’ as a Street Gang

(U) Law enforcement officials and politicians have begun debating whether self-stylized vigilantes known as “Antifa” should be classified as street gangs. Such a designation could give law enforcement new tools to combat the groups, which have been present in recent violent protests and clashes against right-wing extremists. Officials note, however, that the potential designation raises legal issues because unlike with traditional street gangs, the underlying motive of these extremist groups is political expression rather than criminal enterprise.

SOURCE: 4 September 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – SEC Chief Says Cyber Crime Risks Are Substantial, Systemic

(U) New York City – Regulators must do more to help mom-and-pop investors better understand the potential risks posed by cybercrime and new technologies used to commit fraud, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman stated yesterday. One concern for the SEC relates to a rise in cases of information being stolen by hackers to gain some sort of market advantage, according to the co-director of the SEC’s enforcement division. Other areas of focus include ensuring financial firms take the appropriate steps to safeguard sensitive information, cyber-related disclosure failures, and the growing prevalence of “initial coin offerings.”

SOURCE: 5 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Two Arrested after French Counterterrorism Raid near Paris

(U) Paris – Two people were arrested today after police found components that can be used to make explosives in a flat south of Paris, according to police and judicial sources. Gas bottles and other components—including those used to make TATP explosives—were found after counterterrorism police raided the flat. The raid was carried out after a tip from a locksmith that saw chemical products and tools when looking into the flat, one of the sources said.

SOURCE: 6 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Kenya – Boko Haram Killed Nearly 400 Civilians in Nigeria, Cameroon since April

(U) Nairobi – At least 381 civilians have been killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram in the past five months in Nigeria and Cameroon, according to an international human rights watchdog. Amnesty International attributed the rise in the death toll to a spike in suicide bombings, mostly carried out by women and girls, in northeastern Nigeria as well as northern Cameroon. Boko Haram’s attacks in Nigeria have caused the death of at least 223 civilians since April, while the death toll in August alone has reached 100.

SOURCE: 5 September 2017, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Four Alleged Neo-Nazis Accused of Plotting Terrorism

(U) London – Police in England arrested four alleged members of a neo-Nazi group yesterday on suspicion of the commission, preparation, and instigation of acts of terrorism. The male suspects—a 22-year-old from Birmingham, a 32-year-old from Wales, a 24-year-old from Ipswich, and a 24-year-old from Northampton—were accused of being members of the banned white supremacist group National Action, according to West Midlands Police. Britain’s Ministry of Defense confirmed that all four men were serving members of the Royal Army after the arrests were announced.

SOURCE: 5 September 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – UK ‘Breeding Ground’ for Extremism and Future Terrorists, Says Police Chief

(U) London – Isolated communities, segregation, and unregulated schooling in the UK are creating a “breeding ground” for extremism and future terrorists, according to a counter-terrorism police chief. Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu said there was a definite problem of second-generation Britons who became radicalized through the combination of isolation and extremist online content. Police are dealing with nearly 600 active investigations after a summer that saw major attacks in Manchester and London that left dozens of people dead and more than 200 injured.

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